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CIA A Policy-Maker?—

Senator McCarthy of Minnesota has for some years been expressing concern about the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency. He feels, as do many others who observe the work of this hush-hush agency with some apprehension, that Congress should exercise far more supervision over it than is now the case.

Unfortunately, neither McCarthy nor anyone else has gotten much of anywhere with the idea that Congress ought to have some continuing idea of what the CIA is up to. This is all the more reason for supporting the Minnesotan in his present effort to have the Senate establish a select

committee to make a thoroughgoing investigation of the CIA and report back by the end of January 1967.

McCarthy is not proposing this merely as a continuance of his drive to have the CIA placed under some sort of continuing scrutiny. "The role of the CIA in Vietnam, Cuba and a number of other critical areas," he says, "has raised serious questions about the relationship of the agency to the process of making and directing foreign policy." Clearly this would be an improper CIA activity. The Senate would do well to act favorably on McCarthy's proposal and get to the bottom of the matter.

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